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Helpful information for parents, coaches, and spectators attending tennis tournaments





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**The most important thing to remember is you are here to observe! The match is between your player and the opponent.**

**THE TENNIS COURT:** Parents, coaches, and anyone associated with the player are not allowed on the tennis court at any time. Make sure your player has everything they need before walking on the court. (Water, extra racquet, towel, snack)

**COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR PLAYER:** If your player speaks to you while on court, do not respond. Coaching of any kind is not allowed during match play, on a toilet/change of attire break, a 2-minute set-break, medical timeout, bleeding timeout, when players remain on court for a stoppage of play such as during a light rain or repair of the net or net strap, when a player leaves the court seeking the assistance of an official, or when equipment or clothing is being adjusted. Coaching is considered to be communication, advice, or instruction of any kind, audible or visible, to a player. Saying, "Move your feet" or "Hit to their backhand" is considered coaching; so are hand signals!

**LINE CALLS:** Spectators never make calls. A player shall note list the aid of a spectator in making a call.

**SCORING:** Spectators may not volunteer advice on scoring. If there is a dispute between the players regarding the correct score, the players must settle the dispute themselves or with the assistance of a certified official.

**CHEERING:** Excessive cheering or clapping is not appropriate. Do not clap after an opponent's error, such as a double fault or easy miss.

**ATTITUDE:** No abusive behavior (verbal or visual) towards a player, tournament director, or official will be tolerated. Poor behavior by the parents may also result in the payer being penalized.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:** All players and parents shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner both on and off the court. Players and persons who appear to be associated with a player (parents, coaches) are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. They are under an obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis.